Financial year	*Cost -category*			
	Less than 1 Cr.	1-10 Cr.	10-20 Cr.	20-100 Cr.
1988-89	22	9	—	—
1989-90	7	1	—	1
1990-91	5	2	—	—

There have been only 4 cases of cost over-run. The earmarked outlay of these projects was Rs.5.06 crores as against the revised estimated outlay of Rs.7.40 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Import of Gold

* 832. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India continues to be the largest consumer market for gold in the world;

(b) if so, the quantity of gold imported during each of the last three years;

(c) the countries from which gold is being imported;

(d) whether the government propose to stop the import of gold; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be stopped?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR):(a) No reliable date are available in this regard.

(b) Total quantity of gold imported by the Institutions (SBI, MMTC, HHEC) during the last 3 years to service the exporters of jewellery is as under:

Year	*Quantity (Kg.)*
1988-89	6446
1989-90	9050
1990-91	7061

(c) Switzerland and through the bullion Market in London, U.K.

(d) Import of gold is regulated under Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 which bans imports of gold except by special permission. Imports of gold are permitted by specified institutions or units under the Schemes formulated by the Ministry of Commerce for export of gold jewellery. No proposal for further restricting the import of gold is under consideration of the Government.

(e) Does not arise.

Grants-in-Aid to Institutions.

*833. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to